

Dear Alternative Care Facility (ACF) and Supportive Living Program (SLP) Providers,

Pursuant to <u>Operational Memo (OM) 21-072</u>, a temporary rate increase using the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding has been applied retroactively to some Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver benefits. This funding is part of an effort to leverage the HCBS ARPA funds to stabilize and increase the direct care workforce. The purpose of this funding is to support hiring and retention efforts.

Pursuant to OM 21-072, the temporary rate increases have been implemented using HCBS ARPA funding for Alternative Care Facilities (ACF) and Supportive Living Program (SLP) services (codes T2031 and T2033). Instructions on how to receive the increase are found below.

A 2.11% increase will be applied retroactively back to April 1, 2021, and will be in effect to March 31, 2022. The 2.11% has been applied on top of the 2.5% rate increase effective July 1, 2021.

This increase will be in the form of an additional line added to impacted Prior Authorization Requests (PARs) with a TU modifier at the end of the service code.

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Claim 1: T2031 UA	\$64.89	30	\$1946.70
Claim 2: T2031 UA, TU	\$1.37	30	\$41.10
Example:	Per Diem Rate 7/1/21- 3/31/22	Days of Service	Total for the month
Claim 1: T2031 UA	\$66.51	30	\$1995.30
Claim 2: T2031 UA, TU	\$1.40	30	\$42.00

Please review the <u>HCBS American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Rate Schedule</u> located on the <u>Provider Rate and Fee Schedule web page</u> for more information about this increase.

Contact the Provider Services Call Center with questions regarding billing.

Thank you,

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

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